

ALL SCHOOL GROUPS, BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, KIDS CLUBS, & ORGANIZATIONS, ETC

SCHOOL GROUP GUIDELINES

Parks have rules and regulations for the safety of students as well as other visitors.

Kartchner Caverns is a world-class show cave. Preservation of this outstanding resource is top priority. Your school will be interacting with other visitors from all over the world and will leave a lasting impression with them. Your careful attention to the guidelines listed below will ensure a memorable and educational experience for all.

ATTENTION: TEACHERS/CHAPERONES

Please review the following information with the Teachers/Chaperones and students prior to your scheduled tour.

- Chaperones are required at a ratio of 1 Chaperone for each 7 students. (Each Chaperone should be assigned a group of students prior to going on the tour.)
- Teachers/Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of each student at **all** times during their visit.
- Teachers and Chaperones must stay with their assigned students at **all** times while on the park grounds, in the exhibit areas, in the theater, in the gift shop, in the Café, on the tram, and in the caverns.

THE DISCOVERY CENTER

The Discovery Center is an institute of learning. We need your help by using **INSIDE VOICES OR LIBRARY VOICES** while inside the Discovery Center...at times the noise level (due to the acoustics) can become disruptive to the other guests and to the operation of the Discovery Center.

There is a 15 minute VIDEO PRESENTATION that can be watched either before or after the cave tour.

MUSEUM/EXHIBIT AREAS All the exhibits are to be used as a learning experience, they are not toys. (Please treat the controls gently) they have sensitive connections and cannot be slammed or rapidly turned on and off.

Do not climb on top of the rock walls or other exhibits in the Discovery Center.

Running is not permitted inside the Discovery Center or any of the surrounding areas.

THE GIFT SHOP/BAT CAVE CAFE

- Only 10 students with 2 attentive adults in the Gift Shop at a time. PLEASE, NO BACKPACKS!
- Only 5 students with 1 adult please inside the Bat Café. Group eating is at the upper Ramada.
- Purchases at the gift shop should be made after the cave tour.
- We would ask once purchases are completed to please leave the Gift Shop area so others can shop.

TRAM RIDE

While riding the motorized Tram to and from the cave, please follow the instructions of your Tour Guide and Tram drivers. The tram ride lasts only about 2 ½ minutes and is quite fun. For safety, stay seated at all times. Keep hands, arms, legs, feet, inside at all times. No horseplay or running when entering or exiting the tram. A Teacher or Chaperone needs to ride in the back seat of each tram car.

HIKING TRAILS

Children 16 years or younger **must** be accompanied by an adult. Take plenty of water while on your hike. All plants, animals, flowers, rocks & natural features are protected. Do not damage, destroy or remove from the park. Stay on the designated trails at all times. (The bridge, tram roads, and campgrounds are off limits.) Climbing or hiking on top or near the entrance of the caverns is strictly prohibited.

CAVERN RULES

Teachers, Chaperones, and students need to follow the cave rules at all times. Any unruly behavior, horseplay, or touching of formations or rocks will result in corrective action, including exiting the caverns.

- A chaperone will have to exit with their assigned students if they have to leave the cave ahead of schedule.
- Touching or damaging formations is strictly prohibited and punishable by law.
- Please use **INSIDE VOICES OR LIBRARY VOICES** while in the caverns. Be respectful around other tours.
- All backpacks, bulky articles, purses, cameras of any kind, flashlights, binoculars, water bottles, and any other loose items are to be left on the bus. Purchases at the Gift Shop should be made after the cave tour.
- Jackets are **not** encouraged for the cave tours. It is exceptionally warm year round inside the caverns. Expect a 99 % humidity and 72 degree temperature range inside the caverns. **It is hot!** Your tour guide will show you the proper method of how to carry jackets during colder times of the year.

RESTROOMS are located at the entrance to the Discovery Center and on the patio behind the Discovery Center.